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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Programme budget implications of draft decisions contained in sections E and F of the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its first session (E/1993/25/Add.1)

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council

E. Progress achieved in facilitating and promoting the transfer of environmentally sound technology, cooperation and capacity-building

1. In paragraph 50 of its report, the Commission on Sustainable Development decided to establish an inter-sessional ad hoc open-ended working group, for a trial period of one year, to be composed of Governments that would nominate experts, who would represent the Governments in the group.

2. On the assumption that the sessions of the group would take place at United Nations Headquarters, would be of one-week duration and would be serviced in all official languages, conference-servicing requirements for one session in 1993 would amount to $266,500 on a full-cost basis. Should the Economic and Social Council recommend to the General Assembly that travel expenses of the experts nominated by the Governments of the 53 members of the Commission be defrayed by the United Nations, the relating costs would amount

to $132,500. Sessions of the group scheduled for 1994 would not require additional appropriations under the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

3. The programme budget implications of the above decision for the biennium 1994-1995 would be reported to the General Assembly in accordance with established procedures.

F. Initial financial commitments, financial flows and arrangements to give effect to the decisions of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development from all available funding sources and mechanisms

4. In paragraph 61 of its report, the Commission on Sustainable Development decided to establish an inter-sessional ad hoc open-ended working group to be composed of Governments that would nominate experts, who would represent the Governments in the group.

5. On the assumption that the sessions of the group would take place at United Nations Headquarters, would be of one-week duration and would be serviced in all official languages, conference-servicing requirements for one session in 1993 would amount to $266,500 on a full-cost basis. Should the Economic and Social Council recommend to the General Assembly that travel expenses of the experts nominated by the Governments of the 53 members of the Commission be defrayed by the United Nations, the relating costs would amount to $132,500. Sessions of the group scheduled for 1994 would not require additional appropriations under the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

6. The programme budget implications of the above decision for the biennium 1994-1995 would be reported to the General Assembly in accordance with established procedures.